

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (New) A cup comprising:

a cup portion;

a lid sealingly engaged with said cup portion, said lid having a spout protruding therefrom
and an opening formed in said spout;

5 a detachable member inserted in said spout, said detachable member having a plurality of
ridges formed thereon, said ridges being formed in a continuous helical pattern, said plurality of
ridges being sized to sealingly contact an inner surface of said spout thereby forming a helical
passage between said spout and said detachable member, said passage having a first end in
communication with an interior of said cup portion, and a second end in communication with
10 said opening of said spout, wherein:

said cup portion has an amount of liquid therein, said cup portion further has an
amount of air defined by a volume of air that remains in said cup portion when said cup portion
is inverted, and wherein said passage is sized to have a volume that exceeds the product of the
volume of air in the cup portion and a height of the liquid in the cup portion and lid measured by
15 a linear distance between the opening of the spout and a surface of the liquid when the cup is
inverted.

15. (New) A cup, as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:
said detachable member is in the form of a plug.
16. (New) A cup, as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:
said detachable member is made from a resiliently compressible material to include an elastomer.
17. (New) A cup, as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:
said spout of said lid is located eccentrically thereon so as to be convenient for drinking from.
18. (New) A cup, as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:
said spout is in the shape of a truncated cone, and said detachable member has a shape matching an inside cavity of said spout.
19. (New) A cup, as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:
a diameter of said passage is such that air is prevented from entering past liquid in said cup and wherein said diameter has a maximum size of approximately 3mm.